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TEHERAN, IRAN, JUNE 7, REUTER - A FORMER GENERAL AND A PRESS OFFICIAL OF THE DEPOSED SHAH, BOTH OF THEM ALLEGEDLY IN TOUCH WITH EX-PRIME MINISTER SHAPUR BAKHTIAR, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN TEHERAN, A REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

GENERAL SAMSAM BAKHTIAR, DESCRIBED BY THE SPOKESMAN AS A COUSIN OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER WHO NOW LIVES IN PARIS, WAS ARRESTED ON MAY 27, AND HANDED OVER TO ISLAMIC JUDGE AYATOLLAH SADEQ KHALKHALI.

SYIAMAK ZAND-IRANI, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ROYAL COURT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE, WAS SEIZED A FEW DAYS AGO, THE AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER ETELA'AT REPORTED. THE ARREST WAS CONFIRMED BY THE COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN.

NO DETAILS OF THE PRECISE CHARGES AGAINST EITHER MAN WERE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID GENERAL BAKHTIAR, AGED ABOUT 50, HAD SENT 16 MILLION DOLLARS TO SHAPUR BAKHTIAR IN FRANCE, AND A SUITCASE FULL OF MICROFILMS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED AT HIS TEHERAN HOME.

THE BAKHTIAR GOVERNMENT, APPOINTED JUST BEFORE THE SHAH LEFT IRAN IN JANUARY 1979, FELL THE FOLLOWING MONTH TO FORCES SUPPORTING AYATOLLAH RUHOLLAH KHOMEINI.ŧ
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THE NEWSPAPER ISLAMIC REPUBLIC DESCRIBED THE GENERAL, WHOSE THREE CHILDREN ARE SAID TO BE LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) AND SAVAK, THE SHAH'S SECRET POLICE.

IT SAID HE WAS ARRESTED WHILE TRYING TO FLEE TO THE UNITED STATES AND HAD MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO BRIBE REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS WITH 300,000 DOLLARS TO SECURE HIS RELEASE.

MR ZAND-IRANI FLED TO ENGLAND IN LATE 1978 AND DENOUNCED THE SHAH'S RULE. HE RETURNED HERE SHORTLY AFTER THE REVOLUTION AND WAS BRIEFLY ARRESTED BUT THEN RELEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE.

ETELA'AT SAID REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS HAD FOUND AT HIS HOME COPIES OF CODED CORRESPONDENCE WITH SHAPUR BAKHTIAR AND FORMER GENERAL GHOLAMREZA OVEISSI, BELIEVED HERE TO BE PLOTTING ABROAD AGAINST THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS WITH ''U.S. MILITARY ADVISERS.''

IT SAID HE WAS THE KEY FIGURE IN A ''SABOTAGE PLOT'' WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED TWO DAYS AGO ON THE 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF AN ABORTIVE UPRISING AGAINST THE SHAH.$

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